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Customer No. 38263

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/568,381

Examiner: E. S. WOOD

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For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 8, 2010

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2009, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 6 of this paper.